Senate Study Bill 3199 - Introduced

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	STATE GOVERNMENT BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act concerning pari-mutuel racetracks, by providing for
- 2 live dog racing at pari-mutuel dog racetracks, alternative
- 3 licensure for dog racetracks authorized to conduct gambling
- 4 games, calculating the wagering tax on certain racetracks,
- 5 and establishing fees.
- 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

- 1 Section 1. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. **99D.9A** Dog racetrack licensure 2 fees.
- 3 1. Upon written notification to the commission by November
- 4 1, 2014, a licensee authorized to operate a pari-mutuel
- 5 dog racetrack and to conduct gambling games pursuant to
- 6 section 99F.6 as of January 1, 2014, may, upon agreement to
- 7 comply with the requirements of this section, discontinue
- 8 performances of live dog races at the racetrack on January 1,
- 9 2015, and maintain a license under this chapter for purposes
- 10 of permitting pari-mutuel wagering on simultaneously telecast
- 11 horse and dog races and for purposes of conducting gambling 12 games.
- 2. Upon discontinuance of live dog racing by a licensee, all
- 14 of the following shall occur:
- 15 a. The commission shall determine what portion of the
- 16 unexpended moneys in the dog racing promotion fund created
- 17 in section 99D.12 is attributable to the licensee that has
- 18 discontinued live racing and shall transfer those moneys to
- 19 the Iowa greyhound pari-mutuel racing fund created in section
- 20 99D.9B.
- 21 b. Any agreement, which was approved by the commission
- 22 for dog purse supplement payments for live racing that was
- 23 discontinued by the licensee, shall be terminated.
- 24 c. The commission, the licensee of the pari-mutuel dog
- 25 racetrack located in Pottawattamie county, and the Iowa
- 26 greyhound association shall take all action necessary to
- 27 facilitate the transfer of unexpended moneys, contained in
- 28 an escrow fund created pursuant to a decision in December
- 29 1995 regarding dog purse supplements at the racetrack, to the
- 30 commission, and the commission shall transfer such moneys to
- 31 the Iowa greyhound association for use by the association
- 32 pursuant to the requirements of section 99D.9C.
- d. The licensee shall pay the live racing cessation fee as
- 34 provided by this section and shall continue to pay the annual
- 35 license fee and regulatory fee as a pari-mutuel dog racetrack

1 licensed to operate gambling games pursuant to the requirements 2 of section 99F.4A.

- 3. For purposes of this section, the live racing cessation
- 4 fee shall be paid to the commission for deposit in the Iowa
- 5 greyhound pari-mutuel racing fund created in section 99D.9B,
- 6 which fee shall be determined as follows:
- 7 a. For the pari-mutuel dog racetrack located in Dubuque
- 8 county, the payment of two million one hundred forty-two
- 9 thousand dollars within two weeks of the discontinuance of live
- 10 racing at the licensee, and two million one hundred forty-three
- 11 thousand dollars each January 1 for six consecutive calendar
- 12 years thereafter, commencing on January 1 of the calendar
- 13 year following the calendar year in which live racing was
- 14 discontinued.
- 15 b. For the pari-mutuel dog racetrack located in
- 16 Pottawattamie county, the payment of eleven million dollars
- 17 within two weeks of the discontinuance of live racing at the
- 18 licensee, and eleven million five hundred thousand dollars
- 19 each January 1 for six consecutive calendar years thereafter,
- 20 commencing on January 1 of the calendar year following the
- 21 calendar year in which live racing was discontinued.
- 22 4. A licensee who discontinues live racing pursuant to
- 23 the requirements of this section shall remain licensed as a
- 24 pari-mutuel dog racetrack licensed to operate gambling games,
- 25 shall comply with the requirements of this chapter applicable
- 26 to a dog racetrack licensee except for those requirements
- 27 applicable to live racing, and shall be permitted, but not
- 28 required, to conduct pari-mutuel wagering on simultaneously
- 29 telecast horse and dog races. If a licensee that discontinues
- 30 live racing pursuant to this section conducts pari-mutuel
- 31 wagering on simultaneously telecast horse or dog races, the
- 32 licensee shall carry the simultaneously telecast signal of any
- 33 dog racetrack facility licensed to conduct live pari-mutuel
- 34 wagering on dog races within the state at a commercially
- 35 reasonable rate to be negotiated by the parties and approved

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- 1 by the commission.
- 2 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 99D.9B Iowa greyhound pari-mutuel
- 3 racing fund.
- 4 l. An Iowa greyhound pari-mutuel racing fund is created in
- 5 the state treasury under the control of the racing and gaming
- 6 commission.
- 7 2. The fund shall consist of all of the following:
- 8 a. Moneys in the dog racing promotion fund created in
- 9 section 99D.12 that were deposited in the fund from a dog
- 10 racetrack licensee that discontinues scheduling performances of
- 11 live dog races pursuant to section 99D.9A.
- 12 b. Moneys deposited in the fund from the live racing
- 13 cessation fee established in section 99D.9A.
- 14 c. Moneys transferred to the fund from the Iowa greyhound
- 15 association as provided in section 99D.9C.
- 3. Moneys in the fund shall be distributed by the commission
- 17 pursuant to rules adopted by the commission. Moneys in
- 18 the fund shall be distributed by the commission annually
- 19 and proportionally to eligible recipients based upon each
- 20 eligible recipient's average annual purse winnings at Iowa
- 21 dog racetracks for calendar years 2009 through 2014 and the
- 22 economic impact of the reduction in live dog racing on an
- 23 eligible recipient as determined by the commission. If,
- 24 however, a license to conduct pari-mutuel wagering and
- 25 live racing at a dog racetrack is granted pursuant to an
- 26 application submitted pursuant to section 99D.9C, any moneys
- 27 remaining in the fund shall be distributed to the licensee for
- 28 costs associated with the development of the dog racetrack,
- 29 including, if otherwise authorized, a facility to conduct
- 30 gambling games as provided in chapter 99F at the dog racetrack.
- 31 For purposes of this paragraph, "eligible recipient" means
- 32 greyhound owners, greyhound breeders, and kennel operators who
- 33 earned purse moneys at any dog racetrack located in the state
- 34 that discontinued live dog racing pursuant to section 99D.9A
- 35 from 2009 through 2014, and no-kill animal adoption agencies.

- 1 4. Section 8.33 does not apply to moneys in the fund.
- 2 Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or
- 3 earnings on moneys deposited in the fund shall be credited to
- 4 the fund.
- 6 section.
- 7 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 99D.9C Alternative dog racetrack
- 8 licensure live racing.
- 9 1. An application for a license to conduct pari-mutuel
- 10 wagering and live racing at a dog racetrack under this chapter
- 11 that shall also authorize the licensee to hold a license to
- 12 conduct gambling games as provided in section 99F.4A may be
- 13 submitted by the Iowa greyhound association pursuant to this
- 14 section if the following conditions are met:
- 15 a. The proposed location of the dog racetrack shall not
- 16 be within fifty miles of the locations of the pari-mutuel dog
- 17 racetracks conducting gambling games as of January 1, 2014,
- 18 that are located in Pottawattamie county and Dubuque county.
- 19 b. The application for a license shall be submitted to the
- 20 commission by July 1, 2019.
- 21 c. The Iowa greyhound association complies with all other
- 22 requirements for submitting an application for a license under
- 23 this chapter that are not inconsistent with the requirements of
- 24 this section.
- Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,
- 26 the commission shall approve the application for a license
- 27 to conduct pari-mutuel wagering at a dog racetrack submitted
- 28 pursuant to this section barring convincing evidence that
- 29 approval of the application would not be in the best interests
- 30 of the state.
- 31 3. The Iowa greyhound association shall establish a fund
- 32 under its control for the receipt and deposit of escrow fund
- 33 moneys transferred to the Iowa greyhound association pursuant
- 34 to section 99D.9A. The Iowa greyhound association shall
- 35 use moneys in the fund to pay all reasonable and necessary

1 costs and fees associated with pursuing a license under this

- 2 section for developing a dog racetrack, including, if otherwise
- 3 authorized, a gambling structure to conduct gambling games as
- 4 provided in chapter 99F at the dog racetrack. If the Iowa
- 5 greyhound association is unable to obtain a license pursuant to
- 6 this section by July 1, 2020, the Iowa greyhound association
- 7 shall transfer any unused portion of the fund to the commission
- 8 for deposit in the Iowa greyhound pari-mutuel racing fund
- 9 created in section 99D.9B.
- 10 Sec. 4. Section 99D.11, subsection 6, paragraph b, Code
- 11 2014, is amended to read as follows:
- 12 b. (1) The commission may authorize the licensee to
- 13 simultaneously telecast within the racetrack enclosure or
- 14 licensed premises, for the purpose of pari-mutuel wagering, a
- 15 horse or dog race licensed by the racing authority of another
- 16 state. It is the responsibility of each licensee to obtain
- 17 the consent of appropriate racing officials in other states as
- 18 required by the federal Interstate Horseracing Act of 1978,
- 19 15 U.S.C. § 3001 3007, to televise races for the purpose of
- 20 conducting pari-mutuel wagering.
- 21 (2) A licensee may also obtain the permission of a person
- 22 licensed by the commission to conduct horse or dog races in
- 23 this state to televise races conducted by that person for the
- 24 purpose of conducting pari-mutuel racing wagering. However,
- 25 arrangements made by a licensee to televise any race for
- 26 the purpose of conducting pari-mutuel wagering are subject
- 27 to the approval of the commission, and the commission shall
- 28 select the races to be televised. The races selected by the
- 29 commission shall be the same for all licensees approved by the
- 30 commission to televise races for the purpose of conducting
- 31 pari-mutuel wagering. The commission shall not authorize the
- 32 simultaneous telecast or televising of and a licensee shall
- 33 not simultaneously telecast or televise any horse or dog race
- 34 for the purpose of conducting pari-mutuel wagering unless the
- 35 simultaneous telecast or televising is done at the racetrack

- 1 of a licensee that schedules no less than sixty performances
- 2 of nine live races each day of the season or at the licensed
- 3 premises of a licensee that is no longer obligated to schedule
- 4 performances of live races pursuant to section 99D.9A.
- 5 (3) For purposes of the taxes imposed under this chapter,
- 6 races televised by a licensee for purposes of pari-mutuel
- 7 wagering shall be treated as if the races were held at the
- 8 racetrack enclosure or licensed premises of the licensee.
- 9 Notwithstanding any contrary provision in this chapter, the
- 10 commission may allow a licensee to adopt the same deductions
- 11 as those of the pari-mutuel racetrack from which the races are
- 12 being simultaneously telecast.
- 13 Sec. 5. Section 99F.4A, subsection 2, Code 2014, is amended
- 14 to read as follows:
- 15 2. A license to operate gambling games shall be issued only
- 16 to a licensee holding a valid license to conduct pari-mutuel
- 17 dog or horse racing pursuant to chapter 99D on January 1, 1994,
- 18 or to a licensee holding a valid license to conduct pari-mutuel
- 19 live dog racing pursuant to chapter 99D under the provisions
- 20 of section 99D.9C.
- 21 Sec. 6. Section 99F.4A, subsection 8, paragraph a, Code
- 22 2014, is amended to read as follows:
- 23 a. The commission shall, upon the immediate payment of
- 24 the applicable table games license fee and submission to the
- 25 commission by June 1, 2005, of an application by a licensee
- 26 of a pari-mutuel dog or horse racetrack licensed to conduct
- 27 gambling games at a pari-mutuel racetrack enclosure, issue
- 28 a license to the licensee to conduct table games of chance,
- 29 including video machines that simulate table games of chance,
- 30 at the pari-mutuel racetrack enclosure whose licensee holds a
- 31 valid license to conduct pari-mutuel dog racing pursuant to
- 32 chapter 99D on January 1, 1994, subject to the requirements of
- 33 this subsection. However, a table games license may only be
- 34 issued to a licensee required to pay a table games license fee
- 35 of three million dollars under this subsection if the licensee,

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- 1 and all other licensees of an excursion gambling boat in that
- 2 county, file an agreement with the commission authorizing the
- 3 granting of a table games license under this subsection and
- 4 permitting all licensees of an excursion gambling boat to
- 5 operate a moored barge as of a specific date. The licensee
- 6 shall be granted a table games license by the commission upon
- 7 payment of the applicable license fee to the commission which
- 8 table games license fee may be offset by the licensee against
- 9 taxes imposed on the licensee by section 99F.11, to the extent
- 10 of twenty percent of the table games license fee paid pursuant
- 11 to this subsection for each of five consecutive fiscal years
- 12 beginning with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008. Fees
- 13 paid pursuant to this subsection are not refundable to the
- 14 licensee. A licensee shall not be required to pay a fee to
- 15 renew a table games license issued pursuant to this subsection.
- 16 Moneys collected by the commission from a table games license
- 17 fee paid under this subsection shall be deposited in the
- 18 rebuild Iowa infrastructure fund created in section 8.57.
- 19 Sec. 7. Section 99F.4A, subsection 8, Code 2014, is amended
- 20 by adding the following new paragraph:
- 21 NEW PARAGRAPH. Ob. Upon submission to the commission of
- 22 an application by a licensee of a pari-mutuel dog racetrack
- 23 licensed pursuant to the authority of section 99D.9C and
- 24 authorized to conduct gambling games at a pari-mutuel racetrack
- 25 enclosure, the commission shall issue a license to the licensee
- 26 to conduct table games of chance, including video machines that
- 27 simulate table games of chance, at the pari-mutuel racetrack
- 28 enclosure.
- 29 Sec. 8. Section 99F.6, subsection 4, paragraph a,
- 30 subparagraph (3), Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:
- 31 (3) The commission shall authorize, subject to the debt
- 32 payments for horse racetracks and the provisions of paragraph
- 33 "b" for dog racetracks, a licensee who is also licensed to
- 34 conduct pari-mutuel dog or horse racing to use receipts from
- 35 gambling games within the racetrack enclosure to supplement

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- 1 purses for races particularly for Iowa-bred horses pursuant to
- 2 an agreement which shall be negotiated between the licensee and
- 3 representatives of the dog or horse owners. For agreements
- 4 subject to commission approval concerning purses for horse
- 5 racing beginning on or after January 1, 2006, the agreements
- 6 shall provide that total annual purses for all horse racing
- 7 shall be no less than eleven percent of the first two hundred
- 8 million dollars of net receipts, and six percent of net
- 9 receipts above two hundred million dollars. For agreements
- 10 subject to commission approval concerning purses for horse
- 11 racing beginning on or after January 1, 2015, the agreements
- 12 shall provide for an additional purse supplement amount for all
- 13 horse racing conducted at the horse racetrack in Polk county
- 14 equal to an amount representing fifty percent of the difference
- 15 in the wagering tax calculated for the licensee under section
- 16 99F.11 using the definition of adjusted gross receipts as
- 17 provided in section 99F.1 and the definition of adjusted gross
- 18 receipts for purposes of the licensee as provided in section
- 19 99F.ll. In addition, live standardbred horse racing shall not
- 20 be conducted at the horse racetrack in Polk county, but the
- 21 purse moneys designated for standardbred racing pursuant to
- 22 section 99D.7, subsection 5, paragraph "b", shall be included
- 23 in calculating the total annual purses required to be paid
- 24 pursuant to this subsection. Agreements that are subject to
- 25 commission approval concerning horse purses for a period of
- 26 time beginning on or after January 1, 2006, shall be jointly
- 27 submitted to the commission for approval.
- Sec. 9. Section 99F.6, subsection 4, paragraph b, Code 2014,
- 29 is amended to read as follows:
- 30 b. (1) The commission shall authorize the licensees of
- 31 pari-mutuel dog racetracks located in Dubuque county and Black
- 32 Hawk county to conduct gambling games as provided in section
- 33 99F.4A if the licensees schedule at least one hundred thirty
- 34 performances of twelve live races each day during a season of
- 35 twenty-five weeks. For the pari-mutuel dog racetrack located

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1 in Pottawattamie county, the commission shall authorize the 2 licensee to conduct gambling games as provided in section 3 99F.4A if the licensee schedules at least two hundred ninety 4 performances of twelve live races each day during a season 5 of fifty weeks. The For the licensee of a pari-mutuel dog 6 racetrack licensed pursuant to the authority of section 99D.9C, 7 the commission shall authorize the licensee to conduct gambling 8 games as provided in section 99F.4A if the licensee schedules 9 at least two hundred ninety performances of twelve live races 10 each day during a season of at least fifty weeks. However, 11 the requirement to schedule performances of live races for 12 purposes of conducting gambling games under this chapter shall 13 not apply to a licensee who is no longer obligated to schedule 14 performances of live races pursuant to section 99D.9A. (2) If a pari-mutuel dog racetrack authorized to conduct 15 16 gambling games as of January 1, 2014, is required to schedule 17 performances of live races for purposes of conducting gambling 18 games under this chapter, the commission shall approve an 19 annual contract to be negotiated between the annual recipient 20 of the dog racing promotion fund and each dog racetrack 21 licensee to specify the percentage or amount of gambling 22 game proceeds which shall be dedicated to supplement the 23 purses of live dog races. The parties shall agree to a 24 negotiation timetable to insure no interruption of business 25 activity. If the parties fail to agree, the commission 26 shall impose a timetable. If the two parties cannot reach 27 agreement, each party shall select a representative and the 28 two representatives shall select a third person to assist in 29 negotiating an agreement. The two representatives may select 30 the commission or one of its members to serve as the third 31 party. Alternately, each party shall submit the name of the 32 proposed third person to the commission who shall then select 33 one of the two persons to serve as the third party. All 34 parties to the negotiations, including the commission, shall

35 consider that the dog racetracks were built to facilitate the

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- 1 development and promotion of Iowa greyhound racing dogs in this
- 2 state and shall negotiate and decide accordingly.
- 3 (3) A pari-mutuel dog racetrack licensed pursuant to the
- 4 authority of section 99D.9C that conducts gambling games shall
- 5 dedicate an amount of moneys annually, totaling the combined
- 6 annual purse supplements paid annually by pari-mutuel dog
- 7 racetracks discontinuing the performance of live dog races
- 8 pursuant to section 99D.9A, adjusted annually by the cost of
- 9 living index, to supplement the purses of live dog races. All
- 10 parties involved in the supplementation of purses, including
- 11 the commission, shall consider that the dog racetracks were
- 12 built to facilitate the development and promotion of Iowa
- 13 greyhound racing dogs in this state and shall act accordingly.
- 14 Sec. 10. Section 99F.7, subsection 11, paragraph c, Code
- 15 2014, is amended to read as follows:
- 16 c. If a licensee of a pari-mutuel racetrack who held a valid
- 17 license issued under chapter 99D as of January 1, 1994, or a
- 18 licensee of a pari-mutuel dog racetrack licensed pursuant to
- 19 the authority of section 99D.9C, requests a license to operate
- 20 gambling games as provided in this chapter, the board of
- 21 supervisors of a county in which the licensee of a pari-mutuel
- 22 racetrack requests a license to operate gambling games shall
- 23 submit to the county electorate a proposition to approve or
- 24 disapprove the operation of gambling games at pari-mutuel
- 25 racetracks at an election held on a date specified in section
- 26 39.2, subsection 4, paragraph "a". If the operation of
- 27 gambling games at the pari-mutuel racetrack is not approved by
- 28 a majority of the county electorate voting on the proposition
- 29 at the election, the commission shall not issue a license to
- 30 operate gambling games at the racetrack.
- 31 Sec. 11. Section 99F.7, subsection 11, paragraph e, Code
- 32 2014, is amended to read as follows:
- 33 e. After a referendum has been held which approved or
- 34 defeated a proposal to conduct gambling games as provided in
- 35 this section, another referendum on a proposal to conduct

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- 1 gambling games shall not be held until the eighth calendar year
- 2 thereafter. However, this paragraph shall not apply to an
- 3 initial referendum on a proposal to conduct gambling games by a
- 4 licensee of a pari-mutuel dog racetrack licensed pursuant to
- 5 the authority of section 99D.9C.
- 6 Sec. 12. Section 99F.11, subsection 2, Code 2014, is amended
- 7 by adding the following new paragraph:
- 8 NEW PARAGRAPH. d. If the licensee is a dog racetrack
- 9 enclosure licensed pursuant to the authority of section 99D.9C,
- 10 twenty-two percent.
- 11 Sec. 13. Section 99F.11, Code 2014, is amended by adding the
- 12 following new subsection:
- NEW SUBSECTION. 4. For purposes of this section, "adjusted
- 14 gross receipts" means, for a licensee of a racetrack enclosure
- 15 conducting live races and gambling games, an amount equal
- 16 to the adjusted gross receipts from gambling games for the
- 17 licensee reduced by the amount paid by the licensee during the
- 18 fiscal year from gambling game proceeds to supplement purses.
- 19 EXPLANATION
- The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 22 This bill concerns pari-mutuel racetracks authorized to
- 23 conduct gambling games.
- 24 New Code section 99D.9A allows a licensee authorized to
- 25 operate a pari-mutuel dog racetrack and to conduct gambling
- 26 games as of January 1, 2014, to, upon written notice to the
- 27 racing and gaming commission, by November 1, 2014, discontinue
- 28 performances of live dog races on January 1, 2015, and to
- 29 maintain a license under Code chapter 99D for purposes of
- 30 permitting, but not requiring, pari-mutuel wagering on
- 31 simultaneously telecast horse and dog races and continuing
- 32 to allow the licensee to conduct gambling games. The bill
- 33 does provide that if the licensee decides to simultaneously
- 34 telecast horse or dog races, the licensee is required to
- 35 carry the simultaneously telecast signal of any dog racetrack

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- 1 conducting live pari-mutuel wagering on dog races within 2 the state. The bill provides that upon discontinuing live 3 racing, the racing and gaming commission shall transfer any 4 unexpended moneys, contained in the dog racing promotion fund 5 attributable to the licensee discontinuing live dog racing, 6 to an Iowa greyhound pari-mutuel racing fund created in the 7 bill. In addition, upon discontinuing live racing, moneys from 8 an escrow fund for greyhound racing shall be transferred to 9 the Iowa greyhound association and any agreement for dog purse 10 supplement payments for live racing shall be terminated. 11 licensee, upon discontinuing live dog racing, shall commence 12 paying a new live racing cessation fee which shall be deposited 13 in an Iowa greyhound pari-mutuel racing fund created in the The new Code section sets the live racing cessation fee 14 bill. 15 for the pari-mutuel dog racetrack located in Dubuque county at 16 \$2.142 million, payable upon discontinuing live racing, and 17 at \$2.143 million, payable each January 1 for six calendar 18 years thereafter. For the pari-mutuel dog racetrack located 19 in Pottawattamie county, the live racing cessation fee is set 20 at \$11 million, payable upon discontinuing live racing, and at
- 25 conduct gambling games pursuant to the requirements of Code
 26 section 99F.4A.
 27 New Code section 99D.9B creates an Iowa greyhound
 28 pari-mutuel racing fund under the control of the racing

24 regulatory fee as a pari-mutuel dog racetrack licensed to

21 \$11.5 million, payable each January 1 for six calendar years 22 thereafter. The bill provides that a licensee discontinuing 23 live racing shall continue to pay the annual license fee and

- pari-mutuel racing fund under the control of the racing and gaming commission. The fund shall consist of moneys transferred from the dog racing promotion fund and moneys from the live racing cessation fee established in new Code section 99D.9A, and any moneys transferred from the Iowa greyhound association as provided in the bill.
- The bill provides that moneys in the fund shall be 35 distributed by the commission annually and proportionally to

- 1 greyhound owners, greyhound breeders, and kennel operators,
- 2 and no-kill animal adoption agencies based upon average annual
- 3 purse winnings from dog races in the state from 2009 through
- 4 2014 and the economic impact of the reduction in live dog
- 5 racing as determined by the commission. In addition, the
- 6 bill requires that if a license to conduct live pari-mutuel
- 7 wagering at a dog racetrack is granted as provided in the bill,
- 8 any moneys remaining in the fund shall be distributed to the
- 9 licensee for costs associated with the development of the dog
- 10 racetrack and gaming facility.
- 11 New Code section 99D.9C authorizes the Iowa greyhound
- 12 association to apply for a license to conduct pari-mutuel
- 13 wagering and live racing at a dog racetrack and to be eligible
- 14 to conduct gambling games pursuant to the requirements of
- 15 Code chapter 99F. The bill provides that the Iowa greyhound
- 16 association must locate the new dog racetrack at least 50 miles
- 17 away from the existing dog racetracks in Pottawattamie and
- 18 Dubuque counties, and submit an application by July 1, 2019.
- 19 The bill requires the racing and gaming commission to issue
- 20 the license to the applicant barring any convincing evidence
- 21 that approval of the license would not be in the best interests
- 22 of the state. The new Code section also requires the Iowa
- 23 greyhound association to establish a fund under its control for
- 24 the receipt and deposit of escrow fund moneys transferred to
- 25 the Iowa greyhound association pursuant to the requirements of
- 26 new Code section 99D.9A in the bill. The bill authorizes the
- 27 association to use moneys in the fund to pay all reasonable and
- 28 necessary costs and fees associated with pursuing a license
- 29 and for developing a dog racetrack. If the Iowa greyhound
- 30 association is unable to obtain a license by July 1, 2020, the
- 31 bill requires the association to transfer any unused portion of
- 32 the fund to the commission for deposit in the Iowa greyhound
- 33 pari-mutuel racing fund created in Code section 99D.9B.
- Code section 99D.11(6)(b), concerning pari-mutuel wagering
- 35 on simultaneous telecasts of horse or dog races, is amended

- 1 to allow a simultaneous telecast of horse and dog races at a
- 2 licensee in this state that is no longer obligated to schedule
- 3 live dog races pursuant to new Code section 99D.9A on the
- 4 licensed premises. Under current law, simulcast telecasting
- 5 of races can only be allowed at a racetrack of a licensee that
- 6 schedules no less than 60 performances of nine live races each
- 7 day of the season.
- 8 Code section 99F.4A, concerning gambling games at
- 9 pari-mutuel racetracks, is amended to allow a dog racetrack
- 10 licensee issued a license pursuant to new Code section 99D.9C
- 11 to conduct gambling games. The Code section is further
- 12 amended to require the racing and gaming commission to issue
- 13 the new dog racetrack a license to conduct table games at the
- 14 racetrack.
- Code section 99F.6(4)(a) is amended to provide that
- 16 agreements for horse purses beginning on or after January 1,
- 17 2015, shall include a supplemental purse amount equal to 50
- 18 percent of an amount representing the reduction in the wagering
- 19 tax owed by the horse racetrack licensee due to the changes to
- 20 Code section 99F.11 in the bill.
- 21 Code section 99F.6(4)(b) is amended to allow the conduct of
- 22 gambling games at a pari-mutuel dog racetrack that is no longer
- 23 obligated to schedule performances of live races pursuant to
- 24 new Code section 99D.9A. The provision is further amended
- 25 to require a new dog racetrack licensed pursuant to new Code
- 26 section 99D.9C to schedule at least 290 performances of 12 live
- 27 dog races each day during a season of at least 50 weeks in order
- 28 to conduct gambling games. The provision is further amended
- 29 to provide that the purse supplements for live dog racing paid
- 30 annually by a pari-mutuel dog racetrack licensed pursuant to
- 31 the authority of Code section 99D.9C shall be in an amount of
- 32 moneys totaling the combined annual purse supplements paid
- 33 by pari-mutuel dog racetracks discontinuing the performance
- 34 of live dog races pursuant to Code section 99D.9A, adjusted
- 35 annually by the cost of living index.

- 1 Code section 99F.7(11), concerning referendums to conduct
- 2 gambling games, is amended to provide that if a new dog
- 3 racetrack licensed pursuant to new Code section 99D.9C requests
- 4 a license to conduct gambling games, the applicable county
- 5 supervisors shall submit the proposition to conduct gambling
- 6 games at the racetrack to the county electorate at an election
- 7 for approval. In addition, the bill provides that the current
- 8 eight-year time limitation on holding a referendum that has
- 9 been held in a county which has approved or defeated a proposal
- 10 to conduct gambling games shall not apply to a request for an
- 11 initial referendum on a proposal to conduct gambling games by a
- 12 licensee of a pari-mutuel dog racetrack licensed pursuant to
- 13 the authority of Code section 99D.9C.
- 14 Code section 99F.11, concerning the wagering tax on adjusted
- 15 gross receipts from gambling games, is amended. The bill
- 16 provides that the tax rate on adjusted gross receipts over \$3
- 17 million on gambling games on the new dog racetrack licensed
- 18 pursuant to new Code section 99D.9C shall be 22 percent. The
- 19 Code section is also amended to provide that the adjusted gross
- 20 receipts for purposes of the wagering tax for a licensee of a
- 21 racetrack enclosure conducting live races is an amount equal
- 22 to the adjusted gross receipts from gambling games for the
- 23 licensee reduced by the amount paid by the licensee during the
- 24 fiscal year from gambling game proceeds to supplement purses.